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Dear Senator Leahy:

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On behalf of the 177,000 Michigan residents with developmental disabilities, the Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council strongly urges you not to forward the nomination of Jeffrey Sutton for the U.S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Vera Graham

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While an accomplished attorney, Mr. Sutton has shown during his career he has little regard for citizens with disabilities in this country. In fact, he has a record of reducing the effectiveness of civil rights guarantees. Not the least of which was his recent work on the Alabama v. Garrett case before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Margaret Nielsen

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The Council supports and encourages people with developmental disabilities to take control of their lives through community-wide, results-oriented action. We believe Mr. Sutton is not a suitable candidate for the judgeship of such an important bench. We are concerned that Mr. Sutton will interpret the Constitution in a manner that leaves very little room for Congress to protect individuals who experience disability discrimination.

Jaye N. Shamsiddeen

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Please, in the interests of not only those with disabilities in this country but for all Americans who cherish their civil rights, vote "no" on Mr. Sutton's confirmation.

Jacquelyn J. Thompson

Thank you, in advance, for your kind consideration.

Daniel R. Vivian

Sincerely,

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